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Parish of St. Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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25TH JULY 2021

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year B

Seventeenth Sunday of Year B 2021

Fr Mark writes:

My dear father used to say that I could peel an orange in my pocket. I wasn't very good at sharing as a child, at least not sharing food. If I think about it, I'm not much better now if it's something I really like!

I would go the newsagents and spend a few pennies (I know, it's hard to believe it was just a few pennies!) on some sweets. Maybe a quarter of broken cigarette ends or barley sugars. And I'd have the bag in my pocket as I returned to the house and lounged in the chair, surreptitiously (or so I thought!) unwrapping the sweets in my pocket, if necessary, before placing in my mouth and enjoying. The aim was to eat them all without anyone else, mainly my sisters, noticing. That way I wouldn't have to share and could enjoy them all by myself. As I say, I wasn't very good at sharing.

Thankfully, that boy in today's Gospel wasn't me, as this reflection, based on an article by Fr Michael McAndrew, shows clearly. Maybe, though, it's not still too late for me to be that boy...

*What do you think that boy was called..?
The one who offered those loaves and fishes to the Lord...
How do you think Andrew knew what the boy had..? Was the boy a friend of Andrew's family..? Or had he overheard them talking..?
What do you think was going through his mind..? What would have been going through your mind..?
Would you have wanted to offer your food to Jesus..? All of it..? Or would you hold back some to make sure there was enough for you to eat..?*

*The Hasidic master Rabbi Mendel once asked his disciples
'Where is God'
Bemused, the students replied
'Is it not written that God fills the heaven and the earth?
God is everywhere.'*

*No replied the rabbi,
'God is where we let him in.'*

The God whom Jesus reveals to us never coerces, never forces us.

God who is so rich in love and mercy, so generous in the gifts of creation, makes himself poor in that he waits for us to respond to his love to open ourselves to his grace.

In today's Gospel we hear of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

There are thousands of people present but one person stands out. A small boy with five barley loaves and two fish.

Jesus takes the bread and fish and feeds all the crowd.

*It's a story that shows how God works in the world. The small boy gives **all he has** and Jesus is able to work a miracle.*

The boy's generosity lets God in.

God has given us freedom and never imposes himself but God is alert to every opening, every act of generosity so that he may act.

And God wants to act in every area of our life to be part, not only of the spiritual depths of our hearts, but he also wants to be a part of every dimension of our existence.

God wishes to be a part of our work, our play, our relationships, our family life. God wants to be present in every aspect of life.

As the small boy in the Gospel gave all and so became the spark for Christ's miracle each of us is called to share not less than everything with the God who gave us not less than everything. In this way, not only can we be fed but we can let our God feed all his sheep.

*Are you wanting to hold something back or are you willing to let God in..?
To surrender **everything** to Him..?*

Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola

Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess, You have given me: I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will. Give me only Your love and Your grace; with these I will be rich enough, and will desire nothing more. Amen.



Welcome..... If this is your first time reading the newsletter, then you are particularly welcome. Please get in touch - we'd love to tell you about everything that's going on here, and invite you to join us. Just to start you off, elsewhere in the newsletter you will find our services, our virtual church timetable and other activities. Look at our website <https://www.catholicwinchester.org.uk/>, or our [Facebook page](#) or email office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – 25th July

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
He himself gives might and strength to his people.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

First reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Second reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

Communion Antiphon: Ps 102:2



Congratulations to Fr Mark!

We send our love and congratulations to Fr Mark on the 20th Anniversary of his Ordination which he celebrated on Wednesday, 21st July.

May Christ, Our Lord, bless him abundantly in his priestly ministry.



Coronavirus Latest – Please see the additional information sheet that is being provided for an update on the decisions that have been made with regards to the changes that can now take place and of course, those things that will remain the same as a result of the lifting of restrictions on 19th July. Paper copies will be made available in our churches.

Changes to Masses (7pm and Family Mass) - Please note that the Family Mass on Saturday 24th July will be the last one for the summer and we will be returning to a re-broadcast of the morning Mass, instead of the public 7pm Mass, from Monday 26th July and throughout August.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022 – Save the date! There will be an information Evening on Thursday 23rd September at 7.45pm for all parents of children wanting to make their First Holy Communion next year.

Confirmation Programme 2022 – We're happy to say that registration for Confirmations in 2022 is now available for those in year 9+! Part of our Confirmation journey in this Parish is to be a part of a Youth Alpha course; some of you might have already done one (if so, that's great!), but if not, you will need to have taken part in one before you start our Confirmation course after Easter in 2022. We are now running two Youth Alpha courses for you to choose from - one starting in September and one starting in early 2022. Both will be Monday evenings and will run alongside the Parish Alpha group. Young people will watch the Youth Alpha Videos in Milner Hall whilst the Parish Alpha group is in the Parish Centre. Parents - this means it's even easier for you to join our Alpha for Parent's, because it's at the same time as the young people! Parent's will be a part of the Parish Alpha group but with the option of being in a small group specifically for parents. If you would like your young person to be Confirmed, we do ask that you join them in participating an Alpha course! If you would like to register, please email youthstuff@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

The Parish Laudato si group has a vision!

'To Bring People Closer to Jesus Through Care of our Common Home'

This weeks tip from Kathy: Make your garden a natural haven. Avoid putting poisons on your garden (or balcony in my case). Ditch the pesticides, herbicides and fungicides, even be careful what you paint your garden shed and fence with. One of the reasons behind the massive loss of insect life in our countryside is the increasing use of pesticides and herbicides not only on farms but in gardens too. If you want to know more please go to our Facebook page 'Winchester Laudato si'.



Have a lovely summer - I will be back in September.

Thank you! Together, we really can make a difference.

Children's Liturgy:

As the schools are breaking up for the summer holidays, the Children's Liturgy group are also having a well-earned rest. You will be pleased to hear that the group will gather again in September and the catechists hope that it will be in person, in each of the respective churches. This is obviously dependent on the ever-changing Covid situation and the guidance that might be issued during August. Confirmation of the starting date and where the groups will meet will be provided via Peterpost at the end of August. We would like to thank the dedicated and determined team of catechists who worked hard to ensure this wonderful group continued to meet during the pandemic. We wish them, the children and their families a restful and safe summer holiday.



Fr. Stephen Vooght Our congratulations to Fr Stephen who has been serving with us in the parish for these last two years. From 8th September, he will become assistant at Newport IoW with Fr. Joe McNerny. Please keep him in your prayers over this summer period as he prepares for this transition.



PRAYER CORNER: Each week, this section will contain an intercession that I hope every parishioner will pray for during the coming week. In this way, we will all pray to the Lord for the parish's mission, because "if the Lord does not build... in vain do the builders labour" (Ps 127:1) **Fr. Mark**

This Week's Intention: Let us pray, that as the holiday season begins, we use the period for rest and renewal so finding our way to restored energy for mission in the parish.



PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:
Gwendoline Goodchild RIP
Marie Therese Nicholas RIP
Steve Williams RIP

Ordinations in the Diocese - It is a great joy that we will be having ordinations to the diaconate and ordinations to the priesthood on Saturday 31 July at Portsmouth Cathedral. Anthony Fyk and Paul Nwune are to be ordained priests of the Diocese. During the same Mass, James Lewis, who continues his studies for the priesthood at Allen Hall, will be ordained to the diaconate. James spent a year in the parish on placement as a seminarian from Sept 2018-July 2019. The Mass will be at 11 am and you are welcome to follow it [on-line](#).

A Catenian Initiative - Calling all like Catholics with a desire to contribute to the enhancement of business, personal and family life, to join small groups of similarly minded people to meet over a drink, coffee or curry etc., on an informal basis. Go to the website <http://www.wincats.org/> and click on the link B2020 for further details.

Dominican Sisters “Fanning the Flame” Summer Camp



The Dominican Sisters are also running their “Fanning the Flame” Summer Camp this year at Kintbury for those aged 12-18 (boys and girls), from 16th -20th August. The cost of this camp is just £130. The sisters say: “This Catholic camp is a gathering of about 60 young people, who come together to re-connect with old friends and make new ones, to learn more about our loving God and deepen their relationship with Him. It doesn't matter where you are in your relationship with Christ, you are welcome to come and be drawn deeper! Ask questions, spend time with our Lord, receive the Sacraments, have a lot of silly fun, and you may leave excited and on fire - a hero for God!” You can find out more and register at www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp

Bailey House, Alresford – If you or someone you know is looking to move to a care home in the near future, Bailey House still has a couple of vacancies available. Bailey House accommodates a total of 9 residents and provides a safe environment where older people can retain independence, whilst enjoying the security and peace of mind that having qualified staff members close by can bring. For further information or to arrange a visit, please call 01962 735181 or email sallybaileyhouse@gmail.com



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Newsletter (deadline for items Wednesday evening): newsletters@stpeterswinchester.org.uk **Newsletter list:** hello@stpeterswinchester.org.uk
St. Peter's School Office: 01962 852820 admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk
St. Thomas More's Stockbridge: please email stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Parish Safeguarding Representative

We will soon be recruiting a new Safeguarding team, who will be supported by Michaela Waterfield, our Parish Administration Manager. In the interim period, any safeguarding concerns or requests for advice can be routed through to the central team via this email address safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone number: 02394 216486. Email is probably best as, with current restrictions etc, the office is not always resourced.

If there is a concern that someone is at immediate risk of harm, people should be advised to contact 999 for the emergency services. In the meantime, please use the safeguarding@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk address for any queries or contact Ruth Attfield, our diocesan safeguarding coordinator on 02394 216486.

Mass Timetable	24 th July – 31 st July 2021			
Date	Mass Times & Intentions			Livestream/Public
SATURDAY – July 24th Our Lady on Saturday 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00AM	Mass at St James' Cemetery		Public
	3.30PM	Family Mass		Public, booking reqd
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass		Livestream, public, booking reqd
SUNDAY – July 25th 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME St James	8.00 AM	Mass	Soul of John Henry King	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	9.00 AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Souls of Kay & Eric Kearney	Public, booking reqd *
	9.15 AM	Mass at St Stephen's	Francis Sarto Mendorca RIP	Public, booking reqd
	10.00AM	Mass	Intentions of Anthony	Livestream only
	11.00 AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public, booking reqd
	12.00 Noon	Mass	RSM Rob Clare RIP	Livestream, public, booking reqd
	5.30PM	Mass	People of the Parish	Livestream, public, booking reqd
MONDAY – July 26th Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of Our Lady	12.15PM	Mass	Francis Xavier RIP and Philomena Fernandez RIP – wedding anniv. Brenda & Cyril Fernandez	Livestream & public
TUESDAY – July 27th	10.00AM	Mass	Intentions of the Neil family	Livestream & public
	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
WEDNESDAY – July 28th	10.00AM	Mass		Livestream & public
THURSDAY – July 29th St Martha	10.00AM	Mass	Soul of Baron Ventry	Livestream & public
FRIDAY – July 30th	10.00AM	Mass at St Gregory's		Public
	12.15PM	Mass	Ewa Slinn RIP	Livestream, & public
SATURDAY – July 31st	9.00AM	Mass	Gordon Marshall Wiles RIP	Livestream & public
	5.30 PM	Vigil Mass		Livestream, public, booking reqd

All at St. Peter's, except where stated.

FOR ALL ONLINE BOOKINGS please use website homepage - [The Parish of St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs](#) - or call office 01962 852804. Or you can email office if any issues: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

*To book mass at St Thomas More's Stockbridge, email: stm@stpeterswinchester.org.uk If you would like a phone number to call, please ring the office 01962 852804 to ask for it. **Please note that there will be no public 7pm Mass from Monday 26th July and throughout August. A re-broadcast of the morning mass will be available online.**

Confessions every Saturday 11.00am till 12.00pm and 4.30pm-5.00pm at St Peter's Church – booking not required.

Night Prayer (livestream and open to public) every evening from St Peter's, 9.00pm

Morning Prayer (livestream and open to public) every weekday, Monday to Friday, 8.00am, followed by Adoration till 9.00am

St Peter's also open for Adoration and private prayer every day except Sunday, 11.00am till 12.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration) takes place every day in St Peter's Church. Come spend time with the One who knows you best!

Times: 8am – 9am weekdays 11am – 12pm every day (beginning straight after the end of Mass) except Sunday

To participate online or see the recorded services for Morning Prayer & Adoration and Night Prayer & Adoration, go to our [YouTube channel](#)

ALL SERVICES (INCLUDING MORNING PRAYER, NIGHT PRAYER & ADORATION) FROM ST PETER'S ARE LIVESTREAMED



Message from St. Peter's School

Dear Parents
Thank you



Well we made it? What a year!

I would like to thank every member of the St Peter's school family for all they have contributed this year.

Thank you to all the teaching team, teachers and TAs who have supported the children pastorally and academically. The children's end of year results are good - the vast majority are 'ready to progress' - the Hampshire County Council term that highlights the children have a good enough foundation upon which to build their future learning.

Thank you to the many families that supported their children with the weeks of home learning. We know it was at times tricky but the children did well through the partnership of home and school. I hope you all manage to have some rest over the next few weeks.

I would like to personally thank Mrs Hutchins, along with our leadership team for helping to provide direction. We are ably supported by a very able office team - which I am so thankful for. The year has been a mixture of solving problems along with school improvement initiatives. I would also like to thank Ms Backhouse and the governors for the support and challenge they provided to ensure the children get the best we can give them. The premises team need a special mention as they tried to keep us especially clean! Thank you Mrs Hinde and team.

I would like to thank Father Mark for his time throughout the year. Father Mark attends school most Friday afternoons - maybe for a liturgy, Mass or just catching up with all. His time is very much appreciated.

Finally, although last but not least, I want to share that we think our children here at St Peter's are awesome. They have had a complicated year and a half but have achieved so much in that time.

I now just want to ask for God's blessing on all our families and staff - that you remain safe over the follow weeks away from school, find time to replenish and so are ready to come back refreshed on Thursday 2nd September.

If you have pre-school children and like the sound of St Peter's School then why not contact us to find out about the application process? Telephone 01962 852820 or email admin@st-peters.hants.sch.uk.

Best wishes

Louise Buxton (Miss)
Headteacher